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OIL NEWS.

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Absence from home and uncertainty of the mails is my apology for the failure of my regular items to appear in last week's issue.

During the past week an oil well with a daily capacity of 60,000 barrels has been reported by the Mexican Embassy at Washington as having been drilled in at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Some idea of the value of an oil well may be obtained by the statement of a well-known operator, a few days ago, who reports that he saw a well near St. Mary's, W. Va., 1,700 feet in depth and with a daily capacity of only one-half barrel, being equipped for pumping. The quality of oil produced by the well referred to is now selling at \$6.20 per barrel, so figure it for yourself. Adair county will produce oil practically of the same grade.

The Kentucky Oil Age, a weekly journal to be devoted exclusively to oil interests, will make its initial bow to the public at Bowling Green this week. Experienced journalistic and oil men be at the helm and they will have as their motto, "absolutely reliable oil news, right up-to-date and neither pains nor expense to be spared in securing it." Such a publication is badly needed in this State, where so much capital is being invested and where so much development work is under way, and it will be hailed with delight and ably supported by the oil people generally.

Mr. A. C. Phillips, of Philadelphia, a large oil operator and who has some prominent men of Pittsburg connected with him, was here during the past week for the purpose of getting a line on certain acreage in this section, and while here he talked very freely of the drilling operations he and his associates are to begin, just as soon as the machinery now in transit arrives, in Green county just over the Adair line, and in the vicinity of Pickett's Mill. Before leaving town Mr. Phillips secured from local people a short option on over one thousand acres of leases located a few miles west of Columbia.

After reaching a depth of some 850 feet where the Pencil cave structure was encountered, the J. E. Carnahan Oil Company, drilling on the Flowers farm, were compelled to abandon the well for the time being on account of their having exhausted the capacity of the rig. Had they been able to have gone as much as 200 feet deeper it is confidently believed they would have struck a fine pool of oil, as the structure referred to above is generally from 150 to 200 feet above a paying sand. The well is producing gas in such quantities that it is being utilized by Mr. John Holladay in the heating and lighting his residence, located just across the road, and he has the distinction of being the first one in this section to enjoy such a privilege. The Carnahan Company has moved their rig to the Henry Ingram farm, near Columbia, on the Russell Springs road, where they are now drilling well No. 2.

Reliable information is at hand to the effect that a Syndicate of capitalists from Chicago and other points have contracted for the immediate drilling of not less than twenty wells in the southern portion of Russell county, on the south, side of Cumberland river and in close proximity to the McMead wells, and this is only one of the many operations scheduled for that section. The Carnahan wells on the Coffey farm on the north side of the river, about one and one-half miles from the locality mentioned, have not yet been tested under the pump, but they are making a splendid showing by the way the oil is rising in them, and it is believed they will prove to be equally as good as the McMead wells.

McMead Oil Company's well No. 4, Campbell Bros. farm, Creelsboro, came in Friday morning very promising. The rig caught fire, but was saved through the heroic efforts of the drill-

ing crew. Every well these people have drilled is a good one, and while no correct estimate of the amount of production is ventured, still it is known there is an abundance of high-grade oil on the property, and it is attracting the attention of some of the big oil men of the country. Sunday parties have been trying to secure a price on the property, but the Company is loth to name one owing to the fact that they are convinced they have a great and promising proposition, and they expect to reap some of the profits by holding on to it and operating it themselves. They have just passed the rigid inspection of the State "Blue Sky" law, and they are now offering to sell a limited amount of the capital stock for the purpose of raising additional funds for extra equipment and operating expenses.

Mr. Geo. H. Palmer, president of the Palmer Oil Company, with general offices in this city, has just returned from a trip to Cleveland and West Virginia. He reports their big drilling rig on the way and it is expected any day. It has capacity to make the deepest tests, and it will be manned by a crew of competent and experienced men who know the business thoroughly, so we look for some good results to follow their efforts here. The exact location of the first drilling has not been made public, but suffice to say that it will be very close to Columbia, and on a location recommended by Mr. Lucien Beckner, Winchester, one of the best posted and most reliable geologists to be found anywhere. In this connection I am pleased to state that Mr. Palmer says while on his recent trip he saw nothing in Ohio, West Virginia, or any other section of Kentucky, in the way of structure, to begin to compare with what we have right here in Adair county. Mr. Palmer also reports that several capitalists from the north are arranging to come here at an early date, and when they do there will be something doing in such a way that it will cause the most chronic pessimist to sit up and take notice.

Twins.

Born, to the wife of Ewing Stults, Louisville on the morning of the 8th, twins both girls. Favorable reports arrived from the bedside of the mother, and the babies were doing fine.

Farm for Sale.

My farm of 118 1/2 acres is now for sale. It is situated on the Columbia and Jamestown road in one of the best communities in the country and only six miles from Columbia. Land in high state of cultivation, splendid dwelling with six rooms, with all conveniences including light plant recently installed. Extra barns, necessary outbuildings two good orchards. It is a home that will suit you, and a farm that can't fail to please you if you want to live in this part of the country. Will sell on reasonable terms. Reason for selling, am going South.

B. O. Hurt, Ozark, Ky.

The Missionary Play.

A fair audience was at the Baptist Church last Friday night, to witness the missionary play, given by children. It was a beautiful story and all the children did remarkably well and were highly complimented. The singing was cheering and the marches perfect. Rev. J. P. Scruggs, Franklin, Ky., delivered, a very interesting missionary address, between acts.

County Clerk Neat has recently issued the following marriage licenses: Fletcher Burton to Annie B. Bryant; W. A. Martin to Vinnie Weatherford; Rollin Coomer to Flora Wilson; Clifton Page to Vervin I. Parson; W. W. Sneed to May Montgomery.

Sugar 26 per lb., at T. G. Raabner & Son.

Mrs. Maggie McCormick, Bowling Green, is in the county visiting relatives.

More About the Diamond Found.

Our Big Elm correspondent has this to say:

The diamond spoken of in the News last week, was found by Oliver Helm, on the farm of Henry Burris, in Russell county, 1 1/2 miles from the Adair line, and about three hundred yards from Cabin Fork, on very high land where the soil had worn away, leaving the clay and small pebbles. Amygdaloid trap, there seems to be an upheaval of this specie of trap rock, running southwest for 1 1/2 miles from where this diamond was picked up. About 1/2 mile on this route Mr. Job Carnes found a diamond about the size of the first one, and lost it in a few days. The ones who saw it said it was just like the Helm diamond.

Helm sent his diamond to Mr. Schultz for inspection, who pronounced it something valuable. Not being satisfied, he sent it to Tiffany, of New York, who pronounced it a genuine diamond, and wrote Mr. Helm he would give him \$15.00 for it. Mr. Helm wrote back to Mr. Tiffany that he could have it for \$20.00, and in a few days Mr. Helm received a letter from Mr. Tiffany with the \$20.00.

This locality may be regarded as a typical representation of trap rock. This specie of trap abounds in some places so thick the farmers have to remove them before they can plow the ground. Some as large as a bushel basket. This upheaval crosses five farms in Russell county, a distance of about one mile and a half. This dike can be followed on this line by the quartz rocks or trapin, thrown out on top the ground. The writer of this has a piece of Tale that was found on this dike, and some oxide of iron, some pure lead ore, and various other minerals. A man by the name of Browning came to this section from Arkansas diamond mines to look for a dike, where this diamond was found, and traced this dike for a mile or more, and left in my possession some pebbles which he said came from the Arkansas Diamond mine. He said he had no doubt but what other diamonds could be washed out of the sand along this dike, but no one has ever washed any sand.

Public Sale.

On Saturday, August 14th, beginning at 10 a. m. I will offer for sale, at my residence, all my household goods.

All parties owing me drug accounts will please settle at once, as I am preparing to leave the county.

Dr. J. N. Page.

The town of Columbia is without lights, and there is no telling when there will be regular running. Occasionally the water power can be turned on. The engine at the power house is out of commission, and just when it will be in operation, no one knows.

We learn from Prof. R. V. Bennett that the prospects for opening the Lindsey-Wilson, the last day of this month, is very flattering. Letters are constantly arriving, making inquiry about rooms and board. A great deal of improvement has been made on the buildings and everything will be in readiness when the bell taps.

A Quiet Wedding.

Last Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock, Miss Zella Pelley and Mr. J. D. Jarvis, of Barbourville, were happily married by Rev. R. V. Bennett, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pelley, this city. Soon after the ceremony the couple left for the home of the groom.

The bride has been teaching in Barbourville for several years, and was in that place she became acquainted with the gentleman who is now her companion.

The bride is a very excellent young lady, very quiet in disposition and the announcement of her marriage will be

a surprise to her many friends throughout the county.

The groom is a young business man, of Barbourville, and is popular and highly esteemed throughout Knox county.

The Fordson Tractor.

Every farmer who wants to save labor and turn his ground to perfection should own one of these machines. It is sold by the Buchanan Lyon Company and farmers who have purchased are perfectly delighted. Labor is quite an item in this day and time, in fact it is almost impossible for farmers to secure help sufficient to put out their crops. The Fordson Tractor having been introduced, the farmer who owns one of these machines is independent, as it will turn over more ground in one day than three men with double shovel plows could break in a week or ten days. It is a labor saving machine, doing its work quickly and accurately.

Last Wednesday one was in operation on R. L. Faulkner's farm, near Coburg, quite a number of persons being present, and they were astonished to see the amount of ground it turned in a short time. It carries a McKay Disc Plow.

When this machine was placed on Mr. Faulkner's farm he had not purchased it, Buchanan Lyon Company telling him that if, after trial, he did not want it they would remove it. It was not removed.

Adair county farmers who want to do up-to-date work, at less expense than the old way, should get in communication with the Buchanan Lyon Company. This machine is like the Ford Car. It has come to stay, and the farmer who does not buy one will everlastingly be behind with his work.

For Sale.

Good two-story frame residence, one acre lot. Must be sold right away.

Other desirable homes in Columbia.

Life Insurance contracts that will satisfy.

The Kemper Co.

Birthday Party.

Mrs. E. W. Reed gave her niece, Mary Nell Barnett, of St. Louis, a birthday party last Thursday afternoon. The little Miss was five years old and all the little girls and boys about town were invited, and late in the afternoon she and Reed home were like a beehive—the happiest bunch of children called together in this town for many a day. There were games and music and the nicest of refreshments served. Mary Nell did not know what it was to be happy until she commenced to receive presents from all her little friends. The home was decorated with flowers and evergreens, a most inviting picture.

The following were present: Margaret Hamlett, Elizabeth Montgomery, Margaret Depp, Anna May Menzies, Amanda Laura Menzies, Catherine Myers, Nancy Barnett, Dorothy Barger, Lucile Patteson, Nina Phelps, Catherine Russell, Mary Faulkner, Margaret Hynes, Earl Myers, John Ritchey Walker, Herschel Baker Jones, Morris Baldauf, James Montgomery Cravens.

The Graded school building has undergone some needed repairs. A new roof has been placed on the building, and other changes have been made in the interior, making the building comfortable and much more convenient. On the inside it will have the appearance of a new building. The new metal ceiling make the upper rooms very inviting.

Taken Up.

There are four yearling calves at my place, two black, one Jersey, one light Jersey. The owner can have same by paying expenses.

C. D. Cheatham, Bliss, Ky.

Will be Here Saturday.

Rev. J. R. Crawford of Paducah, Rev. F. J. Cheek of Danville and Rev. Weber of Lebanon will conduct a New Era Institute at the Presbyterian church on Saturday and Sunday August 14 and 15. The services which pertain to the campaign for "A Better World," "A Better Community" and "A Better Church" will consist of stereopticon views, and lectures by the above named ministers all of whom are known and admired by Columbia people. Services Saturday evening at 7:30 and Sunday morning at 11. The church members are urged and the public is cordially invited to attend. Services of like nature will also be held at Union on Friday and Saturday Aug. 13 and 14.

Trip to Mississippi.

Mr. B. O. Hurt and Mr. E. A. McKinley returned from West Point, Miss., last Friday. They went to Mississippi, prospecting and they were perfectly delighted with the country about West Point. Mr. Hurt was in the office Saturday and reported that he contracted for 280 acres of splendid land, and he contemplates to take up his residence in that settlement as soon as he can sell his property in Adair county. Mr. McKinley took an option on a boundary of fine land and it is very likely that he will close a deal in a short time.

In speaking of his visit, Mr. Hurt stated that Mr. C. S. Harris and Mr. R. K. Young, former citizens of this place, were delightfully situated, but that they resided in West Point. He and Mr. McKinley, he says, were royally treated by these gentlemen and their families, every courtesy shown them, and that they were made to feel perfectly at home.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Young are dealers in real estate, and full attention is paid Adair county prospective buyers. Mr. Hurt says that the country is much better than represented to him before leaving home. He has no hesitancy in advising his friends to go and see it.

Sparks Big 3 Ring Show Coming to Campbellsville.

Sparks World Famous Shows are to exhibit at Campbellsville, Friday, Aug. 13th, and from the newspaper reports preceding them their exhibition will be worth going many miles to see.

Of the many features carried by the show this season some of the animal acts are without doubt the most wonderful and thrilling ever presented to an American audience. There will be the two herds of ponderous elephants, headed by earth's mightiest monster Big Zula, the skyscraper elephant, the Sparks Stable of shimmy and tango dancing horses, including Caesar, champion high jumping horse of the world; and three groups of marblesque statue horses and dogs in a series of classic poses and groupings. Then too, there will be Five Cornallas, daring girl acrobats, Flora Bedini and Bessie Hollis, America's foremost equestriennes and host of other stars of the arenic world.

The menagerie of wild animals carried by the Sparks Circus is complete in every detail and contains rare and costly specimens of the earth's most curious animals. A parade of nearly two miles in length and of wondrous splendor will leave the ground daily at 10:30 a. m., and will contain many beautiful women and handsome horses interspersed with four bands of music and two calliopes.

Destructive Fire at Greensburg.

On Tuesday morning, the 3rd inst, the Greensburg Leaf Plant was destroyed by fire and 500,000 pounds of tobacco. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The tobacco had been stored in the building by various dealers. There was but little insurance on the plant.

and the tobacco. The origin of the fire is unknown. This was a popular enterprise with the tobacco growers of the State, and the loss is a serious blow to the business interests of Greensburg. We hope the plant will be rebuilt in time for the growing crop, and that sales will open promptly when the season for selling opens.

Victory for Columbia.

Last Friday afternoon the Columbia Baseball Club met the crack News Journal team of Campbellsville, on the latter's grounds, where there was a very interesting game, after Mr. Godder got the umpires strung out. We have heard of games where there were players put out of the contest, but never before were the umpires changed as many as four times.

The first inning Campbellville run in 7 scores, but after "Old Burley" got at home the tide changed and out of 10 innings, he only allowed them 3 hits and 2 scores. After the first inning this was a very interesting game, both sides playing hard for victory, but the Columbia boys just simply out played their opponents, who had won 8 games out of 10 played this year, but they had not played Columbia before. The final score stood 10 to 9, 10 innings.

The line up:
Columbia
N. Pickett L F Roberts
Davis R F Hord
Durham 2 B C. Crouch
L. Lewis 3 B Peterson
A. Lewis O B Sanders
Woodard 1 B O. Sanders
Young P & C F O. Crouch
Bernard SS L. Crouch
Calhoun P & C F. Kerr
The same clubs will meet at L. W. T. S. campus, Columbia, Aug. 12. Don't fail to come out.

Males For Sale.

I have two good work mules for sale at a bargain. They are good in logging.

G. A. Atkins, Milltown, Ky.

Paid List.

The following are new paid subscribers and renewals since our issue of last Tuesday:
Rollin Branham, Ira Blankenship, B. B. Redman, M. Dehart, E. R. Willis, J. W. Goggin, C. R. Jones, D. M. Moore, N. B. Miller, Mrs. S. M. Wilson, R. H. Helm, E. S. Whitlock.

Notice.

All persons who subscribed to the building of the road between Ben R. Rowe's and Gradyville, Kentucky are hereby notified to at once pay to the treasurer of Adair county, Bert Ep, person, one fourth of the amount subscribed.

W. S. Sinclair,
Judge Adair Co. Court.

At the Parsonage.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. Ebbert Page and Miss Vendra Reese drove to the Baptist parsonage, this place, where they were united in marriage by Rev. L. J. B. Smith. The couple remained in Columbia until the day when they left for Illinois where the groom holds a position. The bride is a sister of the Reese boys who are in business in Columbia.

We are sorry to learn of the serious condition of Mrs. J. S. Breeding, this place. She went to Louisville some days ago for an operation. The surgeon got ready to perform it but after opening the parts, he decided that he could not relieve her. Her condition is serious, and her husband and daughters are with her.

Jamestown met Burkeville in a ball contest last Saturday. On account of the rain the game was called off at the 7th inning. It stood, 5 for Jamestown, 4 for Burkeville.